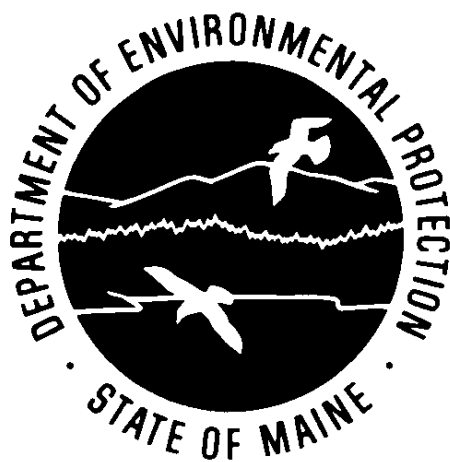


STATE OF MAINE

PROGRAM SUBMISSION FOR AUTHORIZATION
TO ADMINISTER
THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM



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PREFACE

The State of Maine requests authorization from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to Administer the National Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. This request is for primary permitting, compliance and enforcement responsibility for domestic and industrial wastewater treatment facilities discharging to the surface waters, for the stormwater component, for federal facilities, for general permitting authority, and for the pretreatment program administration authority. At this time, it does not include a request to administer a program for sewage sludge management. The request includes a phased authorization for the pretreatment program component, to be completed by the end of the year 2000. The application addresses all program elements required for submission under 40 C.F.R. Part 123. Sections in this application correspond to those elements required in 40 C.F.R., section 123.21(a).

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